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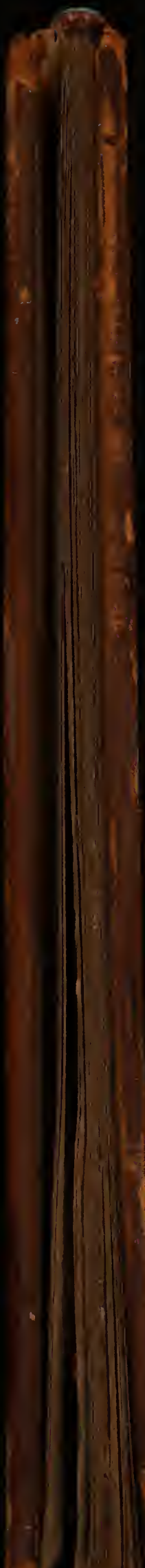

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A RELATION OF THE *DIABOLICAL PRACTICES* Of above Twenty WIZARDS and WITCHES Of the Sheriffdom of *Renfrew* in the Kingdom of Scotland,

CONTAIN'D,

In their *Tryalls*, *Examinations*, and *Confessions*;

And for which several of them have been *Executed* this Present Year, 1697.

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To Sir *T. M.*

SIR,

ACcording to your Requeſt, I ſend you Inclos'd the Proceedings of the Commiſſioners appointed by the Lords of His Majeſtys moſt Honourable Privy Councill, for enquiring into the *Witches* and *Witchcrafts* in the Shiriffdome of *Renfrew*, of which I have had Opportunity of knowing more than many others, as having been with the Commiſſioners on the Tryalls; And ſhall add nothing here, ſave what paſſed at the firſt *Dyet* of the *Tryall*, which was at *Paiſlaw*, where were Met of the Commiſſioners, my Lord *Blantyre*, my Lord *Halcraig*, Sir *John Maxwell* of *Polock*, Mr. *Francis Montgomery*, *Blackhall*, *Duchall*, with ſeveral others, to the Number of Eleven. There was Deputed in the room of the King's Advocate, Three Advocates, *viz.* Mr. *John Menzies*, Mr. *Grant* and Mr. *Stuart*. The *Panalls* being 21 in number, were frequently call'd to ſee if they could be brought to Confeſſion; They were Confronted with *Bargarens* Daughter, and the three *little Confeſſors*, *Elizabeth Anderſon*, and the two *Lindſays*. But they ſtill deny'd all: which put the Court to Cull out 7 of them, againſt whom *Threatnings*, and ſome *Maliſice* following could be proven. Theſe were *Margaret Lang*, in *Cartinpan*, a Woman Famous for *Religion*, ever ſince the 60 year of God, and really a Perſon of extraordinary *Gravity* and *Wiſdom*; I know not whether to call it *Natural* or *Diabolical*; but I have never heard a Woman ſpeak ſo *Gravely*, *Pertinently*, and *Religiouſly* both to the *Miniſters* and *Judges* then ſhe did. The other were *Katharine Campbell*, *Agnes Naſmith*, *John* and *James Lindſays*, *Agnes Foſtur*, and *Margaret Fulton*: This *Kate Cambell* is a young Well-favour'd Laſs, 20 years of Age; but the reſt moſt part Old, both Men and Women.

The Commiſſioners, after their firſt Aſſay to have them confeſs, before they brought them to a Formal Tryal, would have them Try'd by Pricking, which really to me ſeems ſtrange, for there was not any of them, ſave *Margaret Fulton*, but *Marks* were found on them, which were altogether *Incenſible*, That a Needle of 3 Inches length was frequently put in without their Knowledge, nor would any blood come from theſe places, and tho many, eſpecially *Doctors*, ridicul'd theſe as *Storys*, yet after we cal'd Dr. *Bisbin* and *Baird*, and let them ſee a Needle

of a great length put into the top of one of the *Vertibræ* of the Back, and one into *Margaret Lang*, a handbreadth beneath her Ribbs in the Region of the Lower Belly, they both thought it wonderful, being in a place where, in another Woman, the Needle could not but peirce the Gutts: All the other 14 were alſo prickt and marks found in moſt of them. But I was moſt concern'd for *Martha Semple* Daughter to *Margaret Lang*, who was moſt exactly ſearch'd twice, yet no mark found; tho the pricker miſt not to ſearch the very *Soles* of her *Feet* and other more *Secret Places*, for when there was any difficulty to find the mark they did quite uncloath them, but then it was in a Room, and not publickly, before one or two of the *Juſtices*, a *Miniſter*, one of the *Advocatrs* and the *Clark*, my Lord *Halcraig* and I were only preſent with *Martha*; but realy ſhe is as well *Favourd* and *Gentile* a Laſs as you'l look on, and about 17 or 18 years of Age, I took up Mr. *Wylie* to her to ſee if he could bring her to any Confeſſion, he ſpoke long to her but ſhe deny'd all notwithſtanding of what you ſee in the Encloaſed paper, but ſhe was the only perſon amongſt them all that ever I ſaw Weep.

They were at laſt on the 15*th*. of *April* to have been brought to their Tryall, after 3 or 4 days trifling with them by pricking, and to bring ſome of them to Confeſſion, but juſt as the Aſſize was conſtitute they mov'd to have a little more time to provide themſelves *Advocates*, which the *Juſtices* yeilded to, and adjourn'd to the 2*d*. *Tueſday* of *May*, and in this Interval the two Brothers did Confeſs, and upon Examination ſaid the ſame things that the two *Lindſays* and *Anderſon* had declared, as you have it in the within Paper. Another Man alſo confeſs'd, But the *Devil* Strangled him in Priſon, for he was found ſitting in a Chair with a Cord about his Neck but ſlack and ty'd to no thing. After the Adjournment the *Judges* met again, and having Sufficient Evidence of ſeveral *Mallefices* done by each of the Seaven above-named, with the Teſtimonys of the five Confeſſing *Witches*, all concuring in the ſame Acts, Sentenc'd them to be burn'd the 10*th*. of *June*, which was accordingly Executed. The other 14 being Respited till the *Kings* Advocates Pleaſure, among whom is one *Moriſon* Wife to *Francis Duncan* in *Greenock* call'd in the Paper the *Devils Gentlewife Antiochia*, on whom many marks are found; of which you'l receive further Information by the Incloas'd to which I referr you, and am, Sir,

Your much oblig'd Humble Servant,

T. P.

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NARATIVE

Of the *RECOGNITION*

Taken by the *Commissioners*, Appointed by the *Lords of His Majesties Privy-Council*, for Enquiring into the *Witchcrafts*, and *Witches*, in the *Shirrifdom* of *Renfrew*; with Relation to the Afflicted Case of *Christian Shaw*, Daughter to the Laird of *Bargarren*.

At the Place of *Bargarren*,
Feb. 5. 1697.

Present, the Lord *Blantyre*, &c.

THE said *Christian Shaw*, being Confronted with one *James Lindsay* (whom *Elizabeth Anderson*, one of the Confessing *Witches* Under-written Declared, Was one of the said *Christians* Troublers in her Fits) Did, upon

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Touching the ſaid *James*, tâke a very Violent Fit, Leaping, Starting and Staring, with ſuch a Stiffning of all her Joynts, that it was hard for the Aſſiſtants to keep her from Falling, and, at laſt, fell, as quite Dead, and Senſeleſs, for ſome time; and, after Recovery, being Confronted with one *Catherine Campbell*, who being once Servant to her *Father*, for a Miſ-repreſentation of her to her Miſtreſs, *Curſt her*; and is the Aledg'd Inſtrument of all the ſaid *Chriſtian* her Trouble. The ſaid *Katherine* being by the ſaid *Commiſſioners* Interrogate on ſeveral Points, in the Hearing of the ſaid *Chriſtian*, ſhe Deny'd all, and particularly her Acceſſion to the ſaid *Chriſtian* her Trouble, or the Riſe thereof. But the Child ſtill Charging her, Conjured her to tell the *Commiſſioners*, Why ſhe would never Pray, *That God would deliver her from that Ill, and Reſtore her well again.* *Katherine* did not diſown her Refuſal, but ſhifted about for frivolous Excuſes which the *Commiſſioners* bearing home on her, as a Great Argument of her Guilt; and finding ſhe could hardly evade the Force of it, *Katherine* offers to run at the Child (they being then at ſome diſtance from one another) and the Child did all ſhe could to ſhun her Touch. *Katherine* Complain'd, ſaying, *Now I would Pray for her, but ſhe will not let me.* But the Child being forc'd to ſuffer her Touch by the By-ſtanders, tho moſt Unwillingly, and with great Fear, ſhe immediately after fell down, in a moſt Violent Fit, as before, on *James Lindſay*'s Touch: But thereupon *Katherines* Tongue was looſed, and ſhe ſaid, *The Lord Bleſs her, The Lord Deliver her*; which nothing could Oblige her to do before: And the Child her ſelf declared, after that Fit, and *Katherines* Prayer, ſhe now found her ſelf free of all Fear to Touch the ſaid *Katherine*, or any other of her Tormentors.

The *Commiſſioners* were then Earneſt with *Katherine*, to tell why ſhe would, or could *not Pray* before ſhe Touch'd the Child? But, to this, ſhe could give no Satisfactory Anſwer.

Afterwards the *Commiſſioners* call'd a *Young Damſel*, Nam'd *Elizabeth Anderſon*, whom they found a very Uſeful Perſon in the ſaid Enquiry, as being many times admitted by her

Father

Father, and other *Friends*, to their Meetings with the *Devil*, as her Confeſſion hereto Subjoyned does Evidence, to which you are Referr'd. As alſo the *Commiſſioners* having Examin'd *Chriſtian Shaw*, about the Perſons Repreſented to her as her Tormentors in thoſe Fits; and finding her Teſtimony Confirmed by *Elizabeth Anderſon* her Confeſſion, with relation to many of the Perſons Accuſed by *Chriſtian*. The *Commiſſioners*, on that Evidence, Ordered them all to Priſon, (viz.) *Alexander Anderſon*, Father to the ſaid *Elizabeth*, *Agnes Naſmith*, *John Lindſay* in *Barrcloch*, *John Lindſay* in *Formachin*, *James Lindſay* his Brother, *Agnes Foſter*, *Margaret Fulton*, and the ſaid *Katherine Campbell*, where they are to lie till farther Orders. But the ſaid *Chriſtian Shaw* knows and remembers another Perſon, whom ſhe declares ſhe has not the Power to Name: And ſhe has many times attempted it, but is ſtill ſeized with Fits when ſhe Aſſays to Expreſs it; She came, at laſt, to ſay, for her firſt Name, *Margaret*, or *Pincht Margaret* (a Name given her by the *Devil*, from a Pincht Croſs-Cloath, ordinarily worn on her Brow) But cannot expreſs her Patronimick, or Surname. The *Commiſſioners* were ſo concern'd at this, that they urged her to Write it, which being loth to try for fear of Torture, ſhe nevertheleſs eſſayed it; And beginning to Write other Names, ſhe was deſir'd to try that too, but could Write no more ſave *Margaret*, and the Letter *L.* of her Sirname, being preſently taken with a moſt Violent Fit, the Pen falling out of her hand, and ſhe falling Dead, as above, with Groans, heavier and ſorer then ordinary. Within a while the *Commiſſioners* having caus'd her to take a little of a Julip, after her Recovery, ſome Miniſters ſtanding by, Preſented her with a Bible, deſiring her to Read a Paſſage in it, which they pointed to her; but no ſooner had ſhe caſt her eyes on the Book, but inſtead of Reading, ſhe fell to Sing a very Melodious Tune, ſuch as is uſed in *Opera*'s; and, within a little while after fell in her Fits again, and even then the Muſick ceas'd not, tho ſhe appear'd as one dead, with her Mouth open, but neither her Lips nor Tongue ſtirring. She remain'd long in the Fit, till one of the *Commiſſioners*

desir'd the Book might be Clos'd; which done, she Immediately came to her Self; and being Askt what she meant by Singing, when she was desir'd to Read, she was not sensible she had Sung, and declar'd she did not remember it.

Bargarren-Place. Febr. 5. 1697.

ELizabeth *Anderson*, Daughter to *Alexander Anderson*, Aged 17 years, or thereby, Declared that about 20 days ago, she was Invited by her Father, to go along with him to *Bargarrin*'s Yeard, about Twelve a Clock in the Day, who went both together; and having come there, they met with ane Black Man, who had ane Bonnet on his Head, and a Band about his Neck, whom her Father, and *Agnes Nasmith*, then present, told her, He was the *Devil* And that there was in Company with that Black Man, whom she thought was the *Devil*, the Persons following; *viz.* the said *Alexander Anderson* her Father, *Agnes Nasmith* in Park of *Erskin*, *John Lindsay* in *Formaken*, call'd, The *Bishop*, *James Lindsay* his Brother, *Margaret Fulton*, Spouse to *Robert Wallace* in *Kilpatrick*, and Sister to the Grandmother of the said *Elizabeth*, who Dyed in *Paisley* Tolbooth, Accused of *Witchcraft* above half ane Year since, or thereby. And that their Discourse was at that time concerning *Christian Shaw*, Daughter to the Laird of *Bargarren*, who was then not well, and whose Life they all promis'd to take away by Stopping of her Breath; and that she saw the *Devil* several times before in her Fathers House, in Company with her Father, and several others. And that the *Devil*, with the Company foresaid Danc'd all in the said Yeard the time foresaid. And that her Father Discharged her to tell any thing she saw, or else she would be Torn

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in pieces; And that ſhe was more Affraied of the forſaid Perſons, then ſhe was of the *Devil.* And being Examin'd whether or no any Perſon in the Company foreſaid Deſired her to Ingage in the *Devil*'s Service? She declared, That both the *Devil* and her Father Invited her ſeveral times to the *Devil*'s Service, Promiſing to Reward her for her paines But that ſhe altogether refus'd to Ingage therein: And that notwithſtanding thereof, ſhe went along to the foreſaid Yeard, to the ſaid Meeting with her Father; Where ſhe heard the *Devil* ſay, That no body would ſee them: At which the forſaids Perſons then preſent did Laugh. And being asked, If ſhe was Affraid when ſhe ſaw the *Devil* in the Yeard? She Declared, She was Fear'd not, becauſe ſhe had ſeen him ſeveral times before.

Elizabeth Anderſons Additional Confeſſion, who Compear'd, and being Examin'd upon the Point of *Witchcraft*, Declared the Particulars following.

Renfrew, Feb. 18. 97.

THat about Seven years ſince or thereabouts, the ſaid *Elizabeth Anderſon* was with the Deceas'd *Jean Fulton*, her Grandmother; and playing about the door of the Houſe ſhe ſaw ane Black grim Man go into the Houſe to her Grandmother; who abode with her a conſiderable ſpace, talking with her; and afterward ſhe came to the door, and deſired the ſaid *Elizabeth Anderſon* to come in; and upon her incoming, deſired her to take the Gentleman (as ſhe named him) by the

the Hand, and ſhe would give her ane Bony Black new Coat, which accordingly ſhe did; which ſeemed to her very cold: whereupon ſhe was affraid, and immediatly he vaniſhed and went away. About a Month after her Grandmother and ſhe were both in the Houſe together, when the aforeſaid Gentleman appeared to them, (which the ſaid *Elizabeth* then ſuſpected to be the Devil) and he and her Grandmother fell a talking together, by rounding in others Ears, but underſtood not what they ſaid; and afterward her Grandmother deſired her to take the Gentleman by the hand, but ſhe refuſing, ſaying, It was the Devil, which her Grandmother denying, ſaid, It was a Gentleman a Friend of hers; and ſhe ſtill inſiſting and threatning her if ſhe would not take him by the hand, ſhe would get none of her Cloaths, but the ſaid *Elizabeth Anderſon* would not be perſwaded to do it, but ſaved her ſelf from him, ſaying, the Lord be between me and him, whereupon her Grandmother ſaid, ſhe need not fear for it was no ill thing, and upon that the Devil went away in a Flight, ſhe knew not how; and declares, for a long time after, ſhe was no more troubled with the ſaid Gentleman. Till one time her Father *Alexander Anderſon* deſired her to go with him through the Country to ſeek their Meat; to which ſhe replyed, ſhe need not go ſeek her Meat, ſeeing ſhe might have Work: But her Father preſſing her, ſhe went with him, where he took her to ane *Muir* in *Kilmacolme*, where were gathered together, before they came, *Agnes Naſmith*, *Margaret Fulton*, *John Lindſay*, called *Biſhop*, *James Lindſay*, called *Curat*, ane *Heighland Body*, *Katherine Campbel*, ane *Gentlewife* called by them *Antiochia*, *Thomas Woodrous's Wife* in *Carſlup*, *Margaret Lang* in *Cartinpan*, and her Daughter, *Martha Semple*, *John Read Smith*, *John Stuart* and his *Wife*, *Annable Read*, *Margaret Sherer*, *Margaret Rodger* in *Park*, *Janet Rodger* her Siſter, *Robert Wallace* in *Kilpatrick*, *Allaſon* there, *Thomas Birkinyers* Wife in *Stamne-butts*, and ſeveral others whom ſhe does not know or remember, when the aforeſaid Gentleman who appeared to her formerly, came to the ſaid *Elizabeth Anderſon*, bidding her Renounce her Baptiſm, promiſing her if ſhe would conſent thereto, ſhe ſhould be better then ſhe was then, and ſhe would get better Meat and better Cloaths, and ſhe would

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not need to beg. But (as ſhe declared) ſhe would not Conſent to him; And he enquired of her, What brought her thither? then ſhe replied, That ſhe came with her Father. Whereupon the Devil and her Father went together, and talked to one another; but ſhe knew not whereabout: And declares that the cauſe of her meeting at that time (as ſhe ſaid) was about the forming of a Picture, of Mr. *William Flemings* Miniſter at *Innerkeppe* his Child, who at that time effected the ſame; the Main Actors being, her Father, *Agnes Naſmith*, *Margaret Fulton*, *Iſabel Cochran*, and ſome others, who at that time put in Pins both ſmall and great; but their Maſter told them they behoved to have ſome other thing before it could take Effect. As alſo ſhe Confeſſes, ſhe was preſent at ane Meeting with that Crew, above the Town of *Kilpatrick*, where were preſent her Father, Mother, and Siſter, *Margaret Lang* and her Daughter, *Margaret Fulton*, *Agnes Naſmith*, *Margaret Rodger* and her Siſter *Janet*, *Margaret Sherer*, *Robert Wallace* in *Kilpatrick*, with the foreſaid Gentleman, whom they called their Lord; where they formed ane Picture of Mr. *John Ritchie* Miniſter of *Kilpatrick* his Child, and they all Stabed Pins in the ſame, both great and ſmall; and heard the ſaid *Margaret Rodger* ſay, ſtay a little till I ſtop ane Pin in the Heart of it, which accordingly ſhe did. And declares, ſhe went with her Father to the *Ferrie-Boat* of *Erskin*, where he took her on his Back over the Water to *Kilpatrick* in a Flight. Farther Confeſſes, To have been preſent at the Drowning of *Brighouſe*, and the *Ferrier* of *Erskin*, where was preſent in the Boat, the Devil, her Father and Mother, *William Miller* at *Formakin*, the *Ferriers Mother-in-Law*, *Margaret Fulton*, and ſome others; and there were on *Erskin* ſide of the Water *John Lindſay* the *Biſhop*, *James Lindſay*, the Curat, *Margaret Cochran*, *Tarbet*, *Jennet Waugh*, *Margaret Shearer*, *Margaret Lang*, and her *Daughter*, *John Stwart*, and his *Wife*, the *Highland Body*, *Catherin Campbel*, and ſeveral others, with her Self; and heard them ſay, That they would have ſaved one of the Horſe, but they could not get it done, unleſs they had ſaved alſo one of the Men which were Drounded, and which ſhe believes was *John Glen*,

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had not his Mother-in-Law prevented it. Moreover ſhe declares, ſhe was preſent at the putting down of a Child of *William Montgomries* in *Bargarrans Land*, where were preſent *Margaret Fulton* in *Kilpatrik*, *Agnes Naſmith*, her *Father Mother* and *Siſter*, *John* and *James Lindſays*, Biſhop and Curat, *Margaret Lang*, in *Cartinpan*, *Janet Waugh*, *Margaret Sherer*, *Thomas Woodrouſe's Wife* in *Carsſlup*, *Thomas Lindſay*, *James Lindſay* his *Brother*, *John Reid Smith*, and ſeveral others whom ſhe does not know or remember, with the Black Man whom they called their Lord, about two a Clock in the Morning, where they Strangled a Child with a Sea Napkin: The Main Actors, being *Agnes Naſmith* and *Margaret Fulton*, who opened the Door of the Houſe, and after they were entred, went to the Fire and lighted ane Candle, which was blacker nor your Candles uſually are, ſomewhat blewiſh; and none in the Houſe ever ſtir'd or wakened, and they ſtayed all in the Houſe upwards of ane Hour; And declares, that ſhe heard *Agnes Naſmith* ſay, What if the People of the Houſe awake? To which *Margaret Fulton* replyed, You need not fear. Lyke as confeſſed, That upon *Wedneſday* about five Weeks ſince or thereby, her Father brought her out of his Houſe with him, and come all the way with her on her foot to *Bargarren* out-Yeard, where they come in by ane Shap in the Yeard to ane Meeting, where where preſent *Agnes Naſmith*, *Margaret Fulton*, *John Lindſay* Biſhop, *Iames Lindſay* Curate, *Agnes Foſter*, *the Highland Body*, *Janet Waugh*, *Margaret Sheirer* in *Eskingram*, *Margaret Lang*, *Margaret Cunningham* Spouſe to *Thomas Woodrow* in *Carsſlap*, *John Read*, *Smith*, *John Steward* and his Wife, *Thomas Birkinyers* Wife, *Thomas Lindſay*, *James Lindſay* his Brother, and *Alexander Anderſon*, the Declarant, her Father; Where was alſo preſent the *Devil*, who had on ane Black Coat, ane Blew Bonnet, ane Blew Band, who Played on a Pipe, and they all Danced. At which Meeting they were Contriving and Conſulting with the foreſaid Black Man, whom they called their Lord, about the Deſtroying of *Chriſtian Shaw*, Daughter to the Laird of *Bargarren*; where ſome of them were for Stabbing her with a Touck; particularly, *Agnes Naſmith*,

mith, *Margaret Fulton*, *Margaret Rodger*, *Thomas Woodrouſe* Wife, *Margaret Sheirer*, and others, were for Hanging her with a Cord, particularly the *Highland Body*, *John Read*, and his Daughter; and others for Stopping her Breath, and Choaking her, and particulary *Janet Waugh*, *John Lindſay* Biſhop, *James Lindſay* his Brother, and the Gentle Wife, whom they called *Antiochia*, as alſo Declared that ſhe heard ſome of them ſay, That if ever they ſhould have a Meeting again, they ſhould have her out of the Houſe and deſtroy her: But fearing they would be taken before they ſhould have ane other Meeting, their Lord, as they called him, gave them ane piece of ane Unchriſtned Bairns Liver to eat, except her, and the other Two, who has Confeſſed, viz. *James* and *Thomas Lindſayes*, telling them, that though they were Apprehended, they ſhould never Confeſs, do to them what they would. And farder declares, That ſeveral of them were feard, That the ſaid *Elizabeth Anderſon* ſhould Confeſs and tell of them, in regard ſhe had done it formerly. They threatned her, if ſhe did, They would Tear her all in pieces, if ever they got their hands on her, and particularly *Margaret Lang*, who Threatned her moſt. And farther declares, that againſt the next Meeting, they intended, if they were not Apprehended, To Forme the ſaid *Chriſtian Shaws* Picture, and then they would gett a gett of her; And when the Meeting was ended, which continued upwards of Two houres, or thereby, they went all away in a Flight, except the ſaid *Elizabeth Anderſon*, who went home on her foot. Farder Confeſſes, That one Night her Father raiſed her out of her Bed, and took her to the Ferry-Boat of *Erskin*, where he took her on his Back, and, in a Flight, carry'd her over the Water, and went from that both together to *Dunbarton*, to the Yeard of Mr. *John Hardy*, Miniſter there, where were preſent *Agnes Naſmith*, *Margaret Fulton*, *Robert Wallace* her Husband, *Margaret Lang*, and her Daughter *Martha Semple*, *Alexander Anderſon*, *Thomas Woodrous* Wife, *James Lindſay*, *Thomas Lindſay* his Brother, Mc. *Killops*, Mother-in-Law to *John Glen* the Ferrier, *Katherin*

Campbell, the *Highland Body*, *John Lindſay* Biſhop, *James Lindſay* Curat, *William Miller* in *Formakin*, the Gentlewoman called by the Crew *Antiochia*, and the foreſaid Black Man, whom they called their Lord; where the foreſaid *John Lindſay* Biſhop, Played on a Pype, and all Danced; at which Meeting they Formed the Picture of the ſaid Mr. *John Hardy*, which was made of Bees-Wax, Hair, and other Materials, and Dabbed it full of Pins Small and Great, and thereafter put it amongſt Water and Ale Mixed, and then put it on a Spit, which *Agnes Naſmith* and others told her, they Roaſted at the Fire, the Main Actors were, the ſaid *Agnes Naſmith*, and *Margaret Fulton*, who made the Same Picture, and when they had done they went all away in a Flight, except her Father, and her ſelf, who come upon their Feet to the Ferry again, and carry'd her over, in a Flight as foreſaids: And Declares, That the foreſaid *Agnes Naſmith* got the Picture in Cuſtody when they parted; And alſo Declares, That the Words that her Father ſpoke, when he took her on his Back, and Flew with her, were *Mount and Fly*; And alſo Declares, That no Perſon promiſed her any good Deed, or Reward, to make the ſaid Confeſſion.

Feb. 18. 97.

James Lindſay being examined Confeſſes as follows, (Aged 14 years, or thereby,) That one day he met with the Deceas'd *Jean Fulton* his Grandmother at her Houſe in *Inchannen*, wher ſhe took from him a little *Round Cap* and a *Plack*, But being loath to part with the ſame, required them from her again; which ſhe refuſing, he cal'd her *an old Witch* and run away; upon which ſhe follow'd him and cry'd, that ſhe would meet him another time with an Ill turn: about 8 days

8 days therafter, as he was begging thorough the Country near to the Town of *Inchannen*, he met again with his Grandmother at the Back of the yard of that Houſe at the head of the Cauſey, where there appear'd to him *ane Black Grim Man*, with black Cloaths, ane black Hat, and blew Band; his *Grandmother* deſiring him to take the *Gentleman* by the Hand, (as ſhe term'd him) who accordingly did as he was deſired, whoſe hand ſeem'd to the ſaid *James* to be exceeding cold, and gript him very ſtraitly; whereupon the ſaid Gentleman enquir'd at him, If he would ſerve him, and he would give him a Bonny black Coat and a black Hat, and ſeveral other things? to which he reply'd, *yes I'le do't*; and continuing there a litle time they parted, when the ſaid Gentleman (which he knew thereafter to be the Devil) and his Grandmother went away together from him, but he knows not how. This the ſaid *James Lindſay* declares was the firſt time that ever he ſaw the *Devil*, or engaged with him; and thereafter confeſſes he was frequently at Meetings with him and others, and particularly the Meetings after ſpecify'd, beſides many others: *Viz.* That about 5 Weeks before *Jennet Ker* was Apprehended he went with her to a Muir in *Kilmalcolme* Pariſh upon a Hill to a Meeting there about 4 a Clock in the afternoon, where were preſent whom he knew (beſides ſeveral others whom he does not know or remember:) The ſaid *Jennet Ker*, *Jennet Woodrow*, *Margaret Alexander*, *Margaret Cockran*, *Tarbett*, *Alexander Anderſon*, and his *Wife*; *John Lindſey* Biſhop, *Agnes Neſmith*, *John Lindſay* in *Barclough*, *Jennett Waugh*, *Margaret Sheirer*, *William Miller* in *Formaken*, *Margaret Lang* in *Carterpan*; *Martha Semple* her Daughter; *Kat. Ferrier* at *Craigtownburne*, *John Reid*, *John Stuart* and his *Wife*; *Patrick Lindſey* in *Formakin*, *Katherin Campbell*, ane *Highland Body*, cal'd by the Crew their Drudg; and ane White-haird Man which he ſays was *James Lindſay* Curat, who play'd upon a Fiddle to them and they all Danc'd with the firſt Gentleman, whom they cal'd their Lord, who came to the ſaid *John Lindſay*, and took him by the Hand and forbad him to tell, at which time they were contriving about the Drowning of *Brighouſe*,

when he ſhould come over the Ferry of *Erskin*, (the foreſaid *Jennet Ker* being the main Inſtigator) where he heard their *Lord* ſay, That if they could not get him out by the the Hairs of the Head, they would ſink the Boat and all therein, and *Jennet Woodrow* reply'd, That if they could get *Brighouſe* Drown'd alone they would be content, *John Glenn the Farrier* were ſav'd, but *Mckillops* Mother-in-Law to the ſaid *Farrier* (who was alſo preſent) ſaid in regard he had put her out of the Houſe a little while before the Meeting, ſhe ſhould have him Drown'd alſo. And likewiſe Confeſſes, That at the Comitting of the ſaid Fact, the heal forenam'd perſons were preſent with ſeveral others, except the ſaid *Jennet Woodrow* and *Jennet Ker*, who were then at that time in Priſon; and that the *Devil* was at the Head of the Boat, and *Alexander Anderſon*, *William Miller*, *the Farriers Mother-in-Law*, and *John Steward*, and his *Wife* were in the middle of the Boat, and the reſt of the Crew abovenam'd with himſelf and ſeveral others upon *Erskin* ſide of the Water.

As alſo Confeſſes, he was preſent at the putting down of a Child of *Mathew Parks* in *Parkland*, with the Perſons abovenam'd, and ſeveral others, as *Thomas Lindſay* his *Brother*, *Elizabeth Anderſon*, Daughter to *Alexander Anderſon*, where was preſent with them ane Black-haird Man, bare-headed, in ane black Coat and a long blew Cravat, which was don late at Night about 12, when the whole Family were aſleep except ane Servant-Laſs, who waited on the Child, who at this time went to the Door a little, and in the Interim before ſhe return'd they put a Cord about the Childs Neck and Strangled it; the main Actors of the Fact being *Margaret Fulton*, and *Agnes Neſmith*, and when the Laſs came in again to the place where the Child was, they heard her cry theſe words, *Mathew*, *O Mathew*! *Mathew*! *The Bairn is Dead*; whereupon they all went away.

Note, That the foreſaid *Elixabeth Anderſon* another Confeſſant, agrees in her Confeſſion to this Article, that the bairn

Bairn was in the Cradle when the Fact was Comitted, and that when they had don they took the Cord with them. Likeas Confeſſes, he was preſent at the Strangling of a Child of *VVilliam Montgomerys* in *Bargarrins-land*, with *Martha Lang* in *Cartanpan*, *Martha Semple* her Daughter, *Thomas Lindſay his Brother*, *Margaret Rodger*, *Alexander Anderſon*, and his Wife and two Daughters, *Jane and the ſaid Elizabeth Anderſon*, *John Lindſay Biſhop*, *James Lindſay Curate*, and *Patrick Lindſay* his Son; *Agnes Neſmith*, *Jennet Lindſay* in *Barloch*, *Jennet VVaugh*, *Margaret Shearer*, Crooked *VVilliam Millar*, *Kath. Ferrier* in *Craigtown-burne*, *John Steuart* and his *VVife*, *Kath Campbel*, and the *Highland-body* their Drudge, and ſeveral others, whoſe Names he does not know or remember; Where was preſent the foreſaid Black-hair'd Man, nothing on him but ane black Shirt, and a black Hood, cald by the Crew their Lord, where they Strangled the Child with ane Sea Napkin, and heard *Agnes Naſmith* cry *draw the Lowp*, and at theyr entring to the Houſe *Agnes Naſmith* opened the door and went in, and the reſt followed her to the Fyre ſyde, and lighted a Candle tending to a blewiſh colour, where they ſtayed a conſiderable ſpace upwards of ane hour, and during that time none of the Houſe awakned, for he heard one of them, to wit *Agnes Naſmith*, ſay, ſhe wold keep them from Wakening; the main Actors were the foreſaid *Agnes Naſmith* with *Alexander Anderſon* and another Woman whom he did not know, and who is condeſcended on by the other twa Confeſſants, viz. *Thomas Lindſay* his *Brother*, and the ſaid *Elizabeth Anderſon*, to be *Margaret Fulton* in *Kilpatrick*. Furder Confeſſes, That upon a *VVadenſday* about fyve weeks ſince or therby, he was taken on a ſudden in a Flight, wher he was begging near to the place of *Inchannen*, from that to *Bargarrens* Orchyeard, to a Meeting with the Crew, where were *Agnes Naſmith*, the foreſaid *Margaret Fulton*, his Brother *Thomas*, *Iohn Lindſay* Biſhop, *Iames Lindſay* Curat, the Highland Body, Jennet *VVaugh*, *Margaret Sheirer*, *Margaret Lang* and her Daughter *Martha Semple*, *Thomas VVoodrow's VVife* in *Cairſlop*, *Iohn Reid* Smith, *Iohn Stewart* and his Wife, *Thomas Birkmire* in *Stainie-butts* and his Wife, *Alexander Anderſon*

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and his Wife and twa Daughters, ane *Gentle VVife* called by their *Lord* his Wyfe *Antiochia*, and ſeveral others whome he does not know or Remember; wher the Devil theyr Lord, as they called him, played upon a Pype and they all danced; at which Meeting they ware advyſeing and conſulting the deſtroyeing of *Chriſtian Shaw* Doughter to *Bargarren*, wher ſome of them ware for diſtroyeing and pulling down of the Houſe upon her, ſome for Choaking and Stopping in Pins in her Throat, others for hanging her with a Cord, ſome for ſeeing if they could get her out of the houſe and diſtroy her. And Confeſſes, They all agreed to the *Forming of her Picture* againſt the nixt Meeting if they ever ſhould have ane; but fearing they ſhowld be apprehended ere that tyme; theyr Maſter gave them all ane peece of ane Unchriſtned bairns Liver, excepting himſelfe and other twa, viz. *Thomas Lindſay* his Brother, and *Elizabeth Anderſone*, they telling them though they ware apprehended they would never Confeſs doe to them never ſo much.

Lykeas Confeſſes, Being in Bed in the houſe of *VVilliam Killoch* in *Daviſtown* late at Night he was taken out of his Bed in a Flight, wher he never knew till he was in *Dunbartown*, in the yeard of Mr. *Iohn Hardie* Miniſter there, where were preſent at the Meeting of the Crew, *Agnes Naſmith*, *Margaret Fulton*, *Robert VVallace*, *Margaret Lang*, *Marthew Semple*, *Alexander Anderſon*, his *VVyfe* and Daughter *Elizebeth*, *Thomas Lindſay*, his Brother who agrees to his Confeſſion;

Mc. *Killops*, Mother-in-Law to *John Glenn*, *Farrier*, *Kathrin Camibel*, the Highland Body, *John Lindſay* Biſhop, and *Iames* his Brother, *Thomas VVoodrow's VVyfe*, *VVilliam Miller* in *Formaken* ane *Gentle VVyfe*, called by theyr Lord his Wyfe *Antiochia*, with ſeveral others whome he knows not or remembers; where the forſaid *Iohn Lindſay* Biſhop played on a Pype, and they all Danced, at which Meeting they framed the Picture of the ſaid Mr. *John Hardie*, and dabbed it full of Pins ſmall and great, and therafter put it in Water and Ale mixt and then Roaſted it at the Fyre, the Main Actors being the ſaid *Agnes Naſmith* and *Margaret Fulton*, who formed the ſame; and when they had ended theyr Meeting, declares

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he was taken back to his Bed again in a Flight, as ſaid is. And declairs, *Agnes Naſmith* got the Picture in Cuſtody when they parted. Furder Confeſſes, he hes ſeveral tymes appeared to the Chyld (whyte in the foot) both in *Glaſgow* and *Bargarren*, tho Inviſible to Spectators, with others as *Agnes Naſmith*, and *Alexander Anderſon*, the Highland Body, (in *John Daviſons*) and *Margaret Lang* tormenting the Child, wher he declares, he and the foreſaid Perſons and ſome others were the Occaſion of the foreſaid *Chriſtian* her putting out the *Coales*, *Cinders*, *Bones*, *Hay*, *Fire*, *Sticks*, and other traſh which they put in her Mouth, intending to Choak her. And furder acknowledges, That he and the foreſaid Perſons and others did oftimes Prick and Stab her as if it had been don by Pins, and the way and manner how he had don it was his having a Needle, which if he put in his Cloathes, her Body would be prickt and Stab'd in that place where he Stab'd the Needle, and if he ſhould put it in his Hair, that part of her Head wher he put the ſame would be Stab'd. And further declares, He was preſent when the ſaid *Chriſtian Shawe* put Pins out of her Mouth, which he and the aforeſaid perſons and others had put in, and alſo at the time of his doing theſe Arts, the ſaid *Iames* cry'd thir Words, *Help John Daviſon*, who was alſo then preſent; and alſo when the Miniſter began to pray in *Bargarrens* Houſe, the Devil, he and the reſt immediatly went away. And alſo declares, There was no Perſon promis'd him any Reward for making the foreſaid Confeſſion, and declares he cannot Write. And alſo declares, That the Devil and the reſt of the Crew cal'd *Iohn Lindſay* Biſhop, *The Poſt*.

THomas *Lindſay* declares, That one Night lying in Bed in his Grandmothers Houſe *Jane Fulton*, late at Night there came in a Black Man, with black Cloathes, ane blew Band and black Hat, into his Grandmothers, but he being aſleep at the time, ſhe awaken'd him, deſiring him to take the Gentleman by the hand, and ſhe wonld give him a Black Coat, which accordingly he did, whoſe

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Hand ſeem'd to be very Cold, and enquir'd at him, *If he would ſerve him, and be his Man*, and he would give him a Red Coat, which he ſaid *he would do:* And thereafter he declares, The Gentleman, which he knew thereafter to be the *Devil*, went out the Broad ſide of the Houſe: And Declares farther, That when he gave his Conſent to *ſerve the Devil*, he Nipt him in the Neck, which continu'd Sore Ten dayes ſpace. Thereafter, one day, coming by his Grandmothers Houſe (ſhe then being dead) as he thought, ſhe Appeared to him, Clapping his Head, Deſiring him to be a good Servant to the Gentleman to whom ſhe had Gifted him, and forbidding him to Reveal it. And thereafter ſhe Evaniſht out of his Sight. Likeas Confeſſes, one Night Lying in Bed in the Houſe of *Robert Shaw* in *Barſcobe Hill*, late at Night, he was Awaken'd out of his Sleep, and taken away in a Flight, to the Houſe of one *Mathew Park* in *Parkland*, to the Murthering of a Chiid of his; where were preſent, *Jennet Ker*, *Alexander Anderſon*, and his Wife, and Daughter *Elizabeth*; *John Lindſay* Biſhop, and *James Lindſay* Curate, *Agnes Neſmith*, *Margaret Fulton*, *John Lindſay* in *Barloch*, *Jennet Waugh*, *Margaret Sherer*, Crooked *William Miller*, *Margaret Lang*, her Daugter *Martha Semple*, *Katharine Ferrier*, *John Reid*, *John Stuart*, *Anaple Reid* his Wife, *Katharine Campbell*, the *Highland Body*, *James Lindſay* his own Brother, *Jane Park* in *Paiſley*, *Roſs*, her Mother, and the ſaid Gentleman, whom they call'd their Lord; where they Strangled the Child with ane Small Cord, while the whole Family were Aſleep, except a Laſs who Waited on the Child, who at that time went to the Door; and before ſhe return'd, *Jennett Ker*, and *Margaret Sherer*, put the Cord about the Childes Neck, and Strangled it, and after they had done, they all went away in a Flight: And Declairs, he was brought to his Bed in the ſame maner again. As alſo Confeſſes, another Night being in Bed in the Houſe of *Walter Alexander* of *Erſken Kirk*, he was taken away in a Flight to a Meeting at the Houſe of *William Montgomry* in *Bargarrens* Land, with the Crew, where

they Strangled his Child about two a Cloak in the Morning, being there preſent *Margaret Fulton*, *Agnes Neſmith*, *James Lindſay* his Brother, *Alexander Anderſon*, and his Wife and two Daughters, *John Lindſay* Biſhop, *James Lindſay* Curat, *Margaret Lang* and her Daughter, *Jennet Waugh*, *Margaret Shearer*, *Thomas Woodrow's* Wife in *Couſſlop*, *Kathrin Campbel*, the Highland Body, aud ſeveral others, with the forſaid Gentleman whom they called their Lord; the Main Actors being *Agnes Neſmith* and *Margaret Fulton*, who opened the door of the Houſe, and when they were entred the Houſe went to the Fire-ſide, and lighted a Candle which was blacker then other Candle but ſomewhat blewiſh; and none of the houſe ever ſtirred or awaked, and heard the ſaid *Agnes Neſmith* ſay, What if the People of the Houſe awaked? to which *Fulton* replyed you need not fear, which was in the mean time whilſt they Strangled the Child with ane ſprekled Sea-Napkin, and after committing of the Fact they all went away, the ſaid *Thomas* was brought in a flight to his Bed again.

Likeas Confeſſes, About five Weeks ſince or thereby, coming by *Finlaſtonn* about Twelve a Cloak midd day, was taken in a ſudden Flight, when he never knew, till he was in *Bargarrins* Ortchyeard, where were preſent *Margaret Fulton*, *John* and *James Lindſays* Biſhop and Curat, the Highland Body, *Jennet VVaugh*, *Margaret Shearer*, *Margaret Lang* and her Daughter, *Thomas VVoodrow's* Wife, *John Reid* Smith, *John Steuart* and his Wife, the *Gentle VVife* called by the Crew *Antiochia*, *Thomas Birkmyres* Wife, *James Lindſay* his own Brother, *Alexander Anderſon* his Wife and two Daughters, *John Lindſay* in *Barloch*, and the foreſaid Gentleman whom they called their Lord, who played on a Pipe and they all Danced, and after the merry fit they fell a conſulting about the deſtroying of *Chriſtian Shaw* Daughter to *Bargarrin*, where ſome of them were for Stabbing her with Pins, ſome for Stabbing with a Tuck, ſome for hanging her with a Cord, ſome for get-

ing her out of the Houſe to deſtroy her, but declares he heard them all conſent to the making of her Picture againſt the next time, but fearing they ſhould be apprehended ere the time. Their Lord gave them ane peice of ane Uncriſſened bairns Liver, except himſelf his Brother and *Elizabeth Anderſon*; And he told them tho they were apprehended they ſhould never confeſs, after the eating of that, do to them never ſo much. And after the Meeting was ended, which continued about two hours ſpace the ſaid *Thomas Lindſay* was caried back to the verry ſame place from which he was taken away.

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Copy of a Letter

SENT,

From *Bargarrens* Lady to him, being then at *Ranfren*, dated *Febr.* 18. 1697.

My Dear,

I Thought it fit to give you ane Account of *Chriſtians* Condition, this day about two a Clock in the Afternoon ſhe ſaid ſhe ſaw the *Devil* in likneſs of a Man, ſhe ſeemed to be ſomewhat feared, and I deſired her to ſay *The Lord Rebuke thee Satan*, but the uſe of her Tongue was taken from her, yet recovering it in a ſhort ſpace ſhe aſayed to ſpeak, but was preſently ſeiſed with a Fit, and when that was over ſhe went about the Room deaf and blind as you your ſelf have ſeen her before, but ſtill ſpeaking, as to a Bumbee, ſaid, *VVith the Lords Strength thou ſhalt not put Straw nor Stiks into my Mouth*, houlding her hand faſt on her Mouth all the while, then walking a litle faſter

ſhe cryed out, the *Bumbee is Stinging me*, and ſitting down looked on her Leg where was the Impreſſion, very deep of finger Nails. The *Devil* appeared to her again in the Bed like a Gentleman, ſhe ſtanding at the Bed-ſide reaſoned with him after this maner; *Thou thinks to make me a VVitch but through God's Strength thou ſhalt never be the better; I charge thee in the Name of God to be gon and thy Papers too, for I will have non of them, I will not fear thy ill, ſtand here ſee if thou dare come one ſtep nearer me: I think thou art feareder for me then I for thee*; then turning ſhe went up and down the Room as before, and again was bitten with Teeth in the hands very deep, and Impreſſed with Nails of *Fingers* more then twenty four times, which made her cry aloud every time ſhe received them, and ſhewing the place where ſhe was hurt by getting her hand upon it; but we neither ſaw nor heard any thing about her. She continued in this Fit from two a Clock till paſt five at night, ſhe ſaid in the Fit *Margaret Lang* had given orders to Torment her, ſo by the Laſs you will get a fuller account; till meeting; I remain.

Your, &c.

Sic. Subſcribitur,

Chriſtian M'gilchriſt.

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